

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-50, 58-64, 72-78, 89-100 and 105-124 were pending in the application. In the Advisory Action dated June 10, 2003 (the "June 10, 2003 Advisory Action"), the Examiner indicates that the Amendment filed on December 27, 2002 has been entered. In the June 10, 2003 Advisory Action, claims 1, 3-13, 15-17, 19-21, 23-25, 27-46, 48, 49, 58-60, 62, 63, 72-78, 89-91, 93-95, 97-100, 105, 107-118, 120-122 and 124 are rejected; claims 14, 18, 22, 26, 47, 50, 61, 64, 92, 96, 106, 119 and 123 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. To expedite the prosecution of the instant application, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 3-13, 15-17, 19-21, 23-25, 27-46, 48, 49, 58-60, 62, 63, 72-78, 89-91, 93-95, 97-100, 105, 107-118, 120-122 and 124 without prejudice, and rewritten claims 14, 18, 22, 26, 47, 50, 61, 64, 92, 96, 106, 119 and 123 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. Entry of the foregoing amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

THE INFORMALITY HAS BEEN OBLIATED

Claim 30 was inadvertently omitted in the clean version of the pending claims in the Amendment filed on December 27, 2002. In the June 10, 2003 Advisory Action, the Examiner has required that claim 30 be included in any future claim listings unless claim 30 is canceled. In the instant Amendment, Applicants have canceled claim 30. The informality has therefore been obviated.

THE OBJECTIONS TO CLAIMS 14, 18, 22, 26, 47, 50, 61, 64, 92, 96, 106, 119 AND 123 SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 14, 18, 22, 26, 47, 50, 61, 64, 92, 96, 106, 119 and 123 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicants have amended these claims by rewriting them in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. The objection to claims 14, 18, 22, 26, 47, 50, 61, 64, 92, 96, 106, 119 and 123 is therefore obviated, and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. Applicants believe that each ground for rejection or objection has been successfully overcome, and that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the Examiner's objections and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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